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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS: STEINER AND MACFARLANE TRAVEL

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- 1. CONCUR SCENARIO OUTLINED PARA THREE REFTEL. PETER STEINER DEPARTS DAR ES SALAAM TODAY (MAY30) 1400 HOURS LOCAL BY CHARTER AIRPLANE FOR KIGOMA. STEINER WILL SPEND NIGHT WITH MACFARLANE AND LUCIUS IN KIGOMA. STEINER AND MACFARLANE WILL FLY ON TO BUJUMBURA TOMORROW MORNING (MAY 31).
- 2. REQUEST AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA MEET MACFARLANE AND STEINER AND PROVIDE NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION. STEINER HAS OBTAINED BURUNDI AND ZAIRE VISAS HERE. MACFARLANE HAS ZAIRE VISA, BUT WILL NEED VISA FOR BURUNDI.
- 3. STEINER CARRYING VARIOUS ITEMS TO PERMIT IDENTIFICATION TO PRP LEADERS OF BONA FIDES OF INTERMEDIARY SELECTED. CONFIDENTIAL

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THESE ITEMS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: CAMERA BROUGHT OUT FROM

REBEL CAMP; LETTER WRITTEN BY HAND BY BARBARA SMUTS TO PRP LEADERS REPORTING THAT SHE HAD FOLLOWED DIRECTIONS FAITHFULLY EXCEPT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FILM WHICH WAS NOT POSSIBLE; LETTER FROM BARBARA TO OTHER STUDENTS IDENTIFYING STEINER AS FRIEND OF FAMILIES; COPIES OF BARBARA'S STATEMENT TO PRESS (DAR ES SALAAM 1708); COPIES OF STUDENTS' LETTERS TO AMBASSADORS; LETTERS FROM EMILIE BERGMANN'S MOTHER; AND PRESS CLIPPINGS FROM DUTCH PAPERS CONCERNING KIDNAPPING. ALSO, STEINER IS CARRYING SEVERAL POLAROID PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF HIMSELF WITH BARBARA.

4. DUTCH AMBASSADOR VAN DEN BERG'S REPLY TO OFFER TO SEND DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE FROM HERE WITH STEINER WAS NEGATIVE. VAN DEM BERG SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO GET APPROVAL FROM THE HAGUENYEFORE HE CULD SEND ONE OF HIS OFFICERS ALONG, AND THE SHORTNESS OF TIME DID NOT PERMIT RECEIPT OF THAT APPROVAL. CARTER

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